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City of Miami Gardens Park Addresses

Attention: Our Administrative Office has moved!

The Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office has moved to 1515 N. W. 167th St., Building 6, Suite 300. We are located on the North side of the Golden Glades Office Park facing the Palmetto Expressway, next to City Hall. Our new number is 305-622-8080.

- **A. J. King Park**
4230 NW 178th Street
305-430-2220
- **Andover Park**
NW 209th and NW 1st Avenue
- **Brentwood Park**
19405 NW 32nd Avenue
305-622-2550
- **Buccaneer Park**
3100 NW 207th Street
305-624-3787
- **Bunche Park**
15600 Bunche Park Drive West
305-621-6101
- **Cloverleaf Park**
303 NW 191st Street
305-652-1732
- **Lake Lucerne Park**
20701 NW 22nd Avenue
305-624-6712
- **Miami Carol City Park**
3201 NW 185th Street
305-624-5394
- **Myrtle Grove Park**
3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-7421
- **Norwood Park**
19401 NW 14th Avenue
305-653-3951
- **Rolling Oaks Park**
18701 NW 17th Avenue
305-621-5932
- **Scott Park**
17710 NW 15th Court
305-430-8011
- **Vista Verde Park**
21001 NW 39th Avenue
305-625-8067

Pool Addresses

- **Brentwood Pool**
(Summer only)
18800 NW 28th Place
305-621-4720
- **Bunche Pool** - Closed For Construction
(Summer only)
15727 Bunche Park Drive East
305-624-5963
- **Myrtle Grove Pool**
(Summer only)
3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-6161
- **Norwood Pool**
(Year-Round)
19401 NW 14th Avenue
305-770-3106



Special Events

Congratulations to our new Miss Miami Gardens

The 2009 Miss Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant was held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Florida Memorial University Lou Rawls Theater of Performing Arts. Miss Vanessa L. Charles was crowned Miss Miami Gardens 2009 and won a \$2,500 scholarship.

Vanessa, a senior at Miami Norland Senior High, has a 3.5 GPA and plans to attend University of Florida this summer. Her area of study will be Political Science. Vanessa is currently a member of the City of Miami Gardens' Junior Council where she holds the position of Vice Mayor.



Vanessa will represent the City of Miami Gardens in the upcoming Miss Florida Pageant in July. If she wins this title, Vanessa will advance to the Miss America Pageant. The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. For more information about Miss America and the Miss Miami Gardens Scholarship Pageant, please visit www.missmiamigardens.com.

We especially thank our generous sponsors for making the pageant possible. And we applaud the City of Miami Gardens Mayor and Council, the 2009 contestants, and those who worked to make this pageant a success. Our compensation is the satisfaction of a pageant well done, as well as watching so many young ladies grow up and move on to achieve great things in our world.

Movies in the Park

Enjoy the pleasant night under the stars with the latest movies. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to this free event. Popcorn and refreshments will be available to purchase. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Movies will be held at Scott Park from 8-10 p.m.

- June 19: Not Easily Broken
- July 17: Journey to the Center of the Earth



Aquatics

Under New Management

Please join us in welcoming our new aquatics management team, Jeff Ellis Management. We join a group of distinct pools under Ellis management including Disney pools, Atlantis Hotel in the Bahamas, and numerous cities including Tamarac, Hallandale, and Dania.

Open Swim

The Norwood, Brentwood, and Myrtle Grove aquatic facility is open for public swim from 1:00 - 4:45 p.m. daily. The fee for public swim at all facilities is \$1 per person.

Water Aerobics- Norwood Aquatic Facility

The water aerobics program is intended to improve flexibility, overall aerobic fitness, coordination, muscle strength as well as cardiovascular endurance.

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Fee: \$30 per month

Swim Club

Norwood Pool announces a new swim technique class. This class is for all students interested in participating in a future swim team at Norwood Pool.

Call Norwood Pool for more details.

Aquatic Facility Rentals

The aquatic facilities are available for private rentals on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Rentals are on a first come, first served basis. All fees must be paid at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office ten (10) business days prior to rental.

Pool	Rental Fee 2 Hrs. 1-50 People	51-100 People	Deposit
Norwood	\$64	\$1 per person	\$50



Aquatics

Swim Lessons

<p>Preschool + Parent 3 – 5 years old This class is designed for Preschool age children and their parents. Students will work on the basic fundamentals of swimming such as blowing bubbles, front and back floats, kicking, arm movements, and basic pool safety.</p> <p>(ALSO OFFERED WITHOUT PARENT)</p>	<p>Beginner 5 – 7 years old This class is for the beginner swimmer and requires no prior experience. Skills taught in this level include front and back floats, front and back glides, elementary backstroke, front crawl, backstroke, and pool safety. Some of the requirements to pass this level are that the student must swim 25 yards of front crawl, backstroke, and elementary backstroke.</p>
<p>Advanced Beginner 6 – 8 years old This class is designed for students who have successfully completed the Beginner level. This level will build on the fundamental skills learned in the Beginner class. Some of the skills that will be worked on are rhythmic breathing with the front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and an introduction to the sidestroke. Some of the requirements to complete this level are the student must swim 25 yards front crawl with rhythmic breathing and breaststroke and 50 yards of elementary backstroke and backstroke.</p>	<p>Intermediate 7 – 9 years old This class is for students who have completed the Advanced Beginner level. In this level student's will continue to work towards mastering the front crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, and backstroke while being introduced to the butterfly and treading water. In order to complete this level the student must swim 50 yards of front crawl with rhythmic breathing, breaststroke, and sidestroke, 75 yards of elementary backstroke and backstroke, and 25 yards of butterfly.</p>
<p>Advanced 8 – 10 years old This class is for the advanced swimmer who has completed the Intermediate level. Students will continue to work on technique and endurance for front crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, butterfly, backstroke, and elementary backstroke. To complete this level the student must swim 100 yards of front crawl with rhythmic breathing, backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, and 50 yards of butterfly.</p>	<p>Monday - Thursday Swim Lessons (Friday is a make-up day ONLY)</p> <p>Brentwood Pool and Norwood Pool: 9:15a – 10a, 10:15a – 11a, 11:15a – 12p</p> <p>Norwood Pool ONLY: 5p – 5:45p, 6p – 6:45p, 7p – 7:45p</p> <p>Session 1: June 8 – June 19 Session 2: June 22 – July 3</p> <p>Saturday classes – Norwood Pool ONLY: 10a – 11a, 11:30a – 12:30p, 1p – 2p Session 1: June 6 – 27</p>

Only \$30 per session

Payment methods
Cash or credit card only

Further questions please contact
JEM Manager at 305-770-3106





Aquatics

SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT Norwood Pool and Park

Free Swim Day: Wednesday, June 3

Kick off the summer right with a fun day at the pool!

Time: 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fee: FREE!

Fitness Boot Camp Day: Thursday, June 4

Sign up early for this fun and challenging fitness class!

Times: 2pm – 3pm, 4pm – 5 pm, 6 pm – 7 pm

Class time: 12pm – 1pm** **Special Senior-only

Fee: FREE! (Sign up at Norwood Pool)

Free Swim Lesson Day: Friday, June 5

Any person, any age!

Times: 1 – 1:45pm, 2 – 2:45pm, 3 – 3:45pm, 4 – 4:45pm, 5 – 5:45 pm, 6 – 6:45pm

Fee: FREE! (Sign up at Norwood Pool)

Youth Triathlon Day: Saturday, June 6

Age Groups: 4 – 6 yrs., 7 – 9 yrs., 10 – 12 yrs., 13 – 15 yrs.

Time: 4-6 yrs. 1:00 pm, 7 – 9 yrs. 2:00 pm, 10 – 12 yrs. 3:00 pm, 13 – 15 yrs. 4:00 pm

Fee: \$2.00 per person

Water Safety Day: Sunday, June 7

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fee: FREE!

Need more information? Call JEM at (954) 232-0247

Jeff Ellis Management Now Hiring Lifeguards for summer

Ages: 15 and up **Starting pay:** \$8.00

Requirements: Must be able to pass 100 yard continuous swim, Tread water with no hands for 1 minute and retrieve 10 lb. brick from 10 feet of water.

Job Description: Lifeguards will be responsible for providing guest safety through monitoring swimmers and providing rescue care if needed. Positions requires lifeguard to work in outdoor environment. Lifeguard responsible for helping staff maintain cleanliness of facility. Lifeguards provide excellent customer service.

Scheduling: Lifeguards can be scheduled anytime between 7:30 am – 7 pm, 7 days a week. Lifeguards are typically scheduled between 20 – 40 hours per week. Lifeguards may be asked to work special events which could go until 10 pm.

Uniforms: Included in the cost of training! Uniform kit includes: Hat, shirt, shorts, lanyard and whistle, sweatshirt.

Training: Must possess Jeff Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Training. Cost: \$150; can be payroll deducted if hired by Jeff Ellis Management. Training provided at facility.

Contact Name: Jason Gilley • (954) 232-0247 or Jason.gilley@jellis.com



Health & Wellness

GET FIT Initiative

Miami Gardens is striving to GET FIT (Getting Energetic Through Fitness, Information and Training). The resolution passed by City Council is aimed at getting and keeping the city healthy as well as promoting the fitness activities that Parks and Recreation offers. This not only includes residents, but employees as well. As city staff members work hard at shedding pounds, residents will be able to share their success stories and receive prizes for the most motivating story monthly. In addition, residents will be informed when and where to meet city officials for work out sessions. Be a part of the change, strive to Get F.I.T.

For more information on the Get F.I.T. initiative, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 305-622-8080.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT FITNESS?

- Exercise helps reduce wrinkles. It increases blood flow to the skin that provides nutrients it needs to stay thick. Thick skin wrinkles less than thin. Long, H. (March 3, 2006). Putting the Fun Back in Fitness. Retrieved April 27, 2009 from, <http://fitness.families.com/blog/putting-the-fun-back-in-fitness-part-iii>
- Regular exercise helps reduce risk of cancer. Physical activity seems to improve the body's antioxidant defense systems and to strengthen other immune defenses to protect against cancer. Long, H. (March 3, 2006). Putting the Fun Back in Fitness. Retrieved April 27, 2009 from, <http://fitness.families.com/blog/putting-the-fun-back-in-fitness-part-iii>
- Shopping could be considered an aerobic activity. Shopping is walking and an aerobic activity consists of 20 minutes of continuous movements of a large muscle group. American Council of Exercise (2009). Making Time For Exercise Is Easy. Retrieved April 27, 2009 from, http://www.acefitness.org/fitfacts/fitfacts_display.aspx?itemid=37
- Exercise raises self-esteem, improve mood, and relaxation. Palo Alto Medical Foundation (2009). Importance of Exercise and Fast Food Facts. Retrieved April 27, 2009 from <http://www.pamf.org/patients/EXERCISE.html>



Line Dancing

Step in the Name of Life

Come out, kick up your heels, get in shape, and learn the hottest new line dances. There is no cover charge! Please come 15 minutes early to register.

Days of Week	Time	Location
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	6 - 7:30 p.m.	A.J. King Park

Individual Instructors

Days of Week	Time	Location
Monday, Tuesday	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Buccaneer Park
Tuesday, Thursday	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Lake Lucerne Park
Wednesday	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Rolling Oaks Park
Saturday	9 a.m - 12 p.m.	Buccaneer Park



Walking Club

Get fit in this program designed to promote health and camaraderie among our residents. There is no fee, just your time and effort needed. Upon registration participants will receive pedometers to track and log progress. Incentives will be given for goal completion. Register at any recreation center.

For more information, please contact Rashod Smith at 305-622-8080 or rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov



Athletics

Co-Ed Sports Development

Sign your child up for a youth recreation sports league that enhances the knowledge and skills of its participants. The sport that will be offered this season is flag football and cheerleading. Our sports development leagues provide children with the opportunity to experience the thrill of friendly competition, learn about team work and the excitement of winning as well as the lessons that come with losing. The dynamics and fundamentals of each sport will be taught. Registered participants who are enrolled in the Shining Stars After-School Program will participate on that park's team. Registered participants who are not enrolled in Shining Stars will be assigned to the park of their choice (pending availability). The children will be grouped by grade level: 4th grade and under, 6th grade and under, and 8th grade and under. Dates of practices and games are subject to change.

Co-Ed Sport	Registration Dates	Program Dates	Program Time
Touchdown Club!	Ongoing	March 28 - May 30	Practice: Mondays thru Fridays 6-7 p.m. Games: Saturdays 10 a.m.
Football & Cheerleading			

Location: All recreation centers

Fee: \$10/sport

Instructional Tennis

See your children serve it up in this program designed to teach participants the fundamentals of tennis, such as the main strokes, scoring system and the thrill of competition.

Location: Buccaneer Park

Date: Saturdays

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (5 years old to 8 years old)
10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (9 years old to 12 years old)

Fee: \$10/month



Athletics

Academic Standards Resolution

On December 10th, 2008, the Miami Gardens City Council unanimously approved a resolution that will require all participants in youth athletic clubs that operate on a city park to maintain good grades and behavior. According to the resolution if a participant does not maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average, that student would need to attend 2 hours per week of free tutoring offered at the park or a near facility. The child will participate in a weekly progress report program and will not be able to play, or cheer until grades improve. In addition, if a participant does not maintain at least a 2.5 in conduct, they will be placed on a weekly progress report and must improve their conduct in order to play. These standards will be enforced beginning in the 2009 football season.

*If you have any questions, please contact the
Parks and Recreation Department
at 305-622-8080.*



Youth Invitational Basketball Tournament

The City of Miami Gardens Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Youth Basketball Tournament on April 10th and 11th at Miami Carol City Senior High School. In the fourth year of the tournament, there was great competition from three different age groups. After two days of intense competition, Project Hope took home both the 12 & under and 16 & under titles, while North Dade Optimist secured the 14 & under title. The tournament was an opportunity for local clubs to showcase their athletic talents in front of family and friends.

*If you would like to be included in next year's tournament, please contact
Rashod Smith at
rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov or 305-622-8080.*



Athletics

Miami Gardens Ballers

Are you looking for an organized adult basketball league as an alternative to pick-up games? We provide the solution- a co-ed adult basketball league. The league will be split into two divisions: the Slam Dunk Division (ages 18-29), and the Swoosh Division (ages 30 and up). Since the department provides the referees and scorekeepers, the cost is only \$30 per player with a maximum of 8 players per team. Practice begins the first week of June and shirts will be provided to the teams. All games will be held at Rolling Oaks Park. The team that wins the championship game receives one team trophy and a 50% discount on the entry fee for the next league season.

For more information on any athletic programs, please call Rashod Smith at 305-622-8080 or email rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov.



Adult Tennis

This is a great instructional activity for adults who want to learn the fundamentals of tennis, get in shape, and socialize at the same time!

Location: Buccaneer Park

Date: Mondays

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10/month

For more information on any athletic programs, please call Rashod Smith at 305-622-8080 or email rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov.



- Has your child been suspended from school?
- Does your child have 3 or more unexcused absences from school?
- Is your child between the ages of 10-18?

If so we can help by providing:

- Family Counseling Services
- Youth Development Services to help your child develop the skills they need to be successful
- Information and referrals to any type of service your family needs
- Information on how you and your child can get involved and make a difference in your community

Contact us at 305 -652-1732

The initiative is a combined effort of the City of Miami Gardens, the City of Opa-Locka and several non-profit service providers that serve youth and families in Miami Gardens & Opa-locka and is funded by The Children's Trust.





Senior Happenings

Movie Madness

Get in to midweek relaxation mode. New releases and classic movies will be shown. Popcorn and refreshments will also be a part of this free program

Date: Second Tuesday

Time: 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

Location: Scott Park

Fee: Free

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga w/ Yoga Therapist Lisa Pumper is designed to allow almost anyone to participate in a very gentle form of Yoga. It works the joints and muscles to increase flexibility, strength, balance, and circulation. It goes beyond typical exercises in that it encourages quiet reflection, proper breathing, and better posture.

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Location: A.J. King Park

Fee: \$10/6 week session

Senior Wii Tournament

Let's get the competition started! Get fit and show off your moves at the monthly Nintendo Wii tournament. Games will include tennis, bowling, golf, and much more. All skill levels and abilities are welcome.

Date: Fourth Tuesday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Scott Park

Fee: Free



Youth Programs

Shining Stars After-School Program

Sign your child up for the latest after-school craze for children ages 5-12. The program offers certified teachers who will assist your child with their homework and tutoring; chess instructors that will stimulate your child's critical thinking skills; tennis instructors to develop your child's motor skills and fitness; field trips that will enhance your child's experience of South Florida; and cultural programming to expose your child to the rest of the world.

Park Locations: A.J. King Park, Brentwood Park, Buccaneer Park, Bunche Park, Lake Lucerne Park, Miami Carol City Park, Myrtle Grove Park, Norwood Park, Rolling Oaks Park, and Scott Park.

Time: Monday-Friday 2-6 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per week plus a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.

Transportation is available from certain public schools for \$5 per week.

Registrations are accepted only at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spots are limited. Must provide a birth certificate at time of registration

Kids' Day Off

All kids age 5 thru 12 are invited to attend the City of Miami Gardens Kids Day Off Programs. Our programs are held at various parks during teacher work days and when public school is in recess. Your child will participate in fun indoor games, active outdoor sports, and have great adventures with arts & crafts, field trips, cultural experiences, and special guests. You may register at any recreation center, but please remember spaces are limited so register early.

Dates: June 5 (C.B. Smith Park)

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Locations: All recreation centers

Fee: Free if enrolled in the Shining Stars After-School Program, \$10 otherwise



Summer Dayz in the Gardens

This exciting summer camp program offers a fun and enriching summer experience for children ages 5-17. The experience will include exciting field trips, special guests, swimming, sports and fitness, exposure to cultural diversity, and much more. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be provided daily.

Dates: June 8th-August 14th

Time: 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Ages: 5-12

Locations: General camps (ages 5-11): Brentwood, Buccaneer, Lake Lucerne, Myrtle Grove, Norwood, Rolling Oaks, and Scott Parks.

Cultural Arts camp (ages 8-12): A.J. King Park

Sports camp (ages 8-12): Miami Carol City Park

Cost: \$45/week
+ \$10 registration fee

\$20 late registration fee begins May 25th. A birth certificate will be needed if the child has not been previously enrolled in a City of Miami Gardens camp or after-school program.

Spots are limited and fill up quickly!





Dance Classes

Ballet/Jazz

This class teaches ballet positions and terminology. Jazz introduces the free movement of expression and personality. Dance attire may be purchased at local stores optionally. Registrations are accepted at Lake Lucerne Park and the Administrative Office on a first come, first served basis. Spots are limited.

Days: Saturdays

Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Ages: 5-8

Location: Lake Lucerne Park

Fee: \$5 per month

Hip Hop

Come out and learn new hip hop dance moves in this co-ed class. Children will learn the moves while developing a spectacular routine to today's most popular music. Please be sure to wear comfortable shorts, shirt, and sneakers. Registrations are accepted at Lake Lucerne Park and the Administrative Office on a first come, first served basis. Spots are limited.

Days: Saturdays

Time: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages: 8-12

Location: Lake
Lucerne Park

Fee: \$5 per month





Teen Programs

The Teen Leadership Academy (T.L.A.) is an educational and social After-School program for teens between the ages of 13 and 17. This program exposes its participants to various career fields and college majors. This year's areas of interest include: Sports & Entertainment, Environment & Science, Government, and Health. The program also provides a weekly life skills component. Teens will participate in field trips, interact with special guests, and engage in hands-on community service activities. Each participant is expected to attend the program five times a week.

Location: Scott, Bunche, and Lake Lucerne Parks

Hours: Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per month + a \$10 registration fee

Transportation is provided from certain schools and parks

Registrations are accepted only at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spots are limited. Must provide a birth certificate at time of registration

Teens' Day Off

The Teens' Day Off program facilitates field trips and activities for the entire day for teens between the ages of 12 and 17 who are out of school due to Teachers Planning Days. Upcoming dates and activities are:

June 5: Rapids Waterpark

Fee: \$10 if not enrolled in the Teen Leadership Academy

For more information on teen programming please call 305-622-8080.





Teen Events

Teens' Night Out

Teens are invited to come out select Friday nights during the coming months to hang out, socialize, watch movies and compete in Wii tournaments. The night will be free to teens between the ages of 12 and 17. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Dates: May 15th & June 26 **Location:** Scott Park

Time: 6-9pm

Fee: Free



Teen Camp

This innovative teen summer camp program offer a fun and enriching summer experience. The weeks will include age appropriate field trips, special guests, swimming, teachers, sports and fitness, exposure to cultural diversity, and much more. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be provided daily.

Dates: June 8th-August 14th **Ages:** 12-15

Location: Scott Park

Time: 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45/week + \$10 registration fee

Registration is at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Building. \$20 late registration fee begins May 25th. A birth certificate will be needed if the child has not been previously enrolled in a City of Miami Gardens camp or after-school program. Spots are limited and fill up quickly!



Boys Mentoring

The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the Future Men of Miami Gardens program. Through the visions of Dr. Lester Brown, Councilman Oliver G. Gilbert III, and the Parks and Recreation Department, Future Men of Miami Gardens (FMMG) is being developed to serve as a mentoring program for the young men in our community. FMMG will be dedicated to providing young men, ages 11-15, an avenue for social growth, a guide to developing career goals, the value of community service, a commitment to education, and healthy living. These young men will be paired with a positive adult male from the community and together they will participate in workshops which to provide the young men with a foundation to become productive men of the future.

The FMMG mentoring program will start in June 2009 and last for 10 weeks. Each week will consist of exercises designed to meet identified needs that will lead to participants achieving program goals.

Some needs that have been identified are:

- Leadership Skills
- Educational Commitment
- Career Goals
- Nutrition
- Conflict Resolution
- Community Service
- Professional Skills
- Substance Abuse Prevention

If you are interested in participating in the inaugural year of this program, please contact Ray Lewis at 305-622-8080 or rlewis@miamigardens-fl.gov.

MAY 2009

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 Brentwood Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm Adult Tennis- Buccaneer 6:30-7:30pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	19 Chair Yoga- AJ King 9:30-10:45am Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm	20 Cloverleaf Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7-30pm Line Dancing-Rolling Oaks 6:30-8pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	21 Rolling Oaks Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7-30pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8:30pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm	22 Buccaneer Seniors 10am-12pm Bunchie Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- AJ King 6-7:30pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm
25 Memorial Day Parks Closed	26 Chair Yoga- AJ King 9:30-10:45am Senior Wfi- Scott 9:30am-12pm Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm	27 Cloverleaf Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7-30pm Line Dancing-Rolling Oaks 6:30-8pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	28 Rolling Oaks Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7-30pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8:30pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm	29 Buccaneer Seniors 10am-12pm Bunchie Seniors 10am-12pm Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7:30pm Flag Football- all sites 6-7pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm
				30 Line Dancing- Buccaneer 9am-12pm Ballet/Jazz- Lake Lucerne 10-11am Hip Hop- Lake Lucerne 11am-12pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 9-9:45am

*** Swim Lessons offered daily ***

JUNE 2009				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm Adult Tennis- Buccaneer 6:30-7:30pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	2 Chair Yoga- AJ King 9:30-10:45am Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8pm Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm	3 Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7-30pm Line Dancing-Rolling Oaks 6:30-8pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	4 Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7:30pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8:30pm	5 Kids' Day Off- all sites Teens' Day Off- Scott Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7:30pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm
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8	Summer Camp Begins! Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm Adult Tennis- Buccaneer 6:30-7:30pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	9 Chair Yoga- AJ King 9:30-10:45am Line Dancing- Buccaneer 6:30-8pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8pm	10 Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7:30pm Line Dancing- Rolling Oaks 6:30-8pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	11 Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7:30pm Line Dancing- Lake Lucerne 6:30-8:30pm	12 Line Dancing- AJ King 6:7:30pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 6:30-7:15pm	13 Line Dancing- Buccaneer 9am-12pm Ballet/Jazz- Lake Lucerne 10-11am Hip Hop- Lake Lucerne 11am-12pm Water Aerobics- Norwood Pool 9-9:45am
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City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Facility Rentals

Recreation centers and pavilions are available to rent for your special occasion. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance in person at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative office.

All rentals are for four hours plus one hour of set-up and one hour of clean-up. The rental price depends on the number of attendees. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and require full payment. All permits must be granted ten (10) business days prior to rental date in order to reserve the facility.

Park	Facility	DJ	Rental Fee *Capacity Inside *1-75 Outside	Rental Fee 76-149 Outside	Clean Up Fee
A. J. KING	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$107	\$149	\$60
ANDOVER	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
BRENTWOOD	PAVILION	Y	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 50)	Y	\$91	N/A	\$60
BUCCANEER	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 75)	Y	\$101	N/A	\$60
BUNCHE	OUTSIDE	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
CLOVERLEAF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LAKE LUCERNE	PAVILION	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 30)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
MIAMI CAROL CITY	PAVILION	Y	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 20)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
MYRTLE GROVE	OUTSIDE	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 30)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
NORWOOD	OUTSIDE	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 30)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60



City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Facility Rentals (*cont.*)

Park	Facility	DJ	Rental Fee Capacity Inside 1-75 Outside	Rental Fee 76-149 Outside	Clean Up Fee
ROLLING OAKS	PAVILION	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 60)	N	\$91	N/A	\$60
	FIELD	Y	\$91	\$107	\$60
SCOTT	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE (OCCUPANCY 75)	Y	\$101	N/A	\$60
VISTA VERDE	OUTSIDE	N	\$80	\$101	\$60

Rental Rates For Over 149 Patrons

150-249: \$145 RENTAL / \$75 CLEAN UP





City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets every third Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation conference room. Dates are subject to change. Please call the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office for more information.

If you are interested in applying to be a member, please contact the City Clerk's office at 305-622-8000.

Cancelled Class Disclaimer

Staff will make every effort to contact participants. However, classes are subject to change without notice.

Park Reminders

All City of Miami Gardens Parks are open from sunrise to sunset, unless permitted in advance by administration.

Please help us by keeping the park clean.

Pets, ATVs and motorcycles are not permitted on park grounds.

Payment Procedures

Please be advised that recreation centers will only accept credit cards (MasterCard and Visa) or money orders. Payments can be made via cash, credit card (MasterCard and Visa), personal checks, and money orders at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Wanted: Volunteers in the Gardens

Bored of sitting around the house, would like to have days to look forward to? Maybe you simply need to be busy while learning and sharing. Become a member of the City of Miami Gardens "Volunteers" and participate in events such as:

- Dr. Martin Luther King's Day
- Annual Health Fair
- State of the City Address
- Festival of Carols
- Jazz in the Gardens
- Hurricane Expo
- Memorial Day
- Sports Development

If you are interested please contact:

Lillie Q. Odom, Community Outreach Specialist (305) 622-8000 ext. 2313



City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Achievement Pin Award Winners

JANUARY

Attendance Claudelle Joseph (Teen Coordinator)
Shaneika Harvey (Recreation Division)

FEBRUARY

Making the Difference Tammy Williams-Lee (Brentwood Park)
Eladio Alameda (Recreation Division)

MARCH

Teamwork Julio Torres (Parks Division)
Jesus Toledo (Parks Division)
Jeffrey Blackmon (Parks Division)
Darrel Williams (Parks Division)
Owen Jobity (Parks Division)
Emile Joseph (Parks Division)
Claudio Guzman (Parks Division)
Claudelle Joseph (Teen Coordinator)
Rashod Smith (Athletic Coordinator)
Ray Lewis (Recreation Division)
Shaneika Harvey (Recreation Division)
Rodney Best (Recreation Division)
Carlo Hollis (Administration)
Mayra Morales (Administration)
Lillie Peterson (Vista Verde Park)
Shane Basdeo (Scott Park)
Terrence Williams (Scott Park)
Gillespie Brown (Norwood Park)
Joshua Rhodes (Buccaneer Park)
Charles Woodnell (Buccaneer Park)
Neftali Albino (Parks Division)
Melody Glenn (Recreation Division)
Roderica Mims (Recreation Division)

Making the Difference Deborah Dorsett (Brentwood Park)
Jackie Harris (Brentwood Park)
Tammy Williams-Lee (Brentwood Park)
Quankeidra Burns (Brentwood Park)
Melody Glenn (Brentwood Park)
Sabrina Clark (Scott Park)
Gillespie Brown (Norwood Park)



City of Miami Gardens Parks Master Plan

Park Renovations

In June 2007, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, as well as City Council approved the Parks Master Plan. The master plan addressed the City's goal to preserve open space and the promotion of natural resources. Further, it provided the foundation for standardized, consistent development. The plan mandated a complete re-design of grounds, facilities and amenities such as the creation of quality infrastructure to sustain a proper park system for the next 20 years.

Since that time, several upgrades have been performed including new playgrounds at Rolling Oaks, Bunche and Vista Verde Parks; new sports lighting at Myrtle Grove, Norwood and Rolling Oaks Parks; and the ongoing construction of the new Miami Gardens Community Center.

In February, the City completed the renovation of the tennis courts at Brentwood Pool located at 18800 NW 28 Place. The courts were pressure cleaned, cracks in the foundation were sealed and regulation lane lines were painted to meet the specifications of the United States Tennis Association. New fencing was also installed.

Brentwood Pool received other improvements as well, including a new playground, resurfacing and expansion of the basketball court and construction of an exercise trail with vita course stations. "As the pool is only utilized 4 months out of the year, we want to create a more functional use for the park. The walking trail and basketball court will bring new users to this hidden gem," said Kara Petty, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation.

This neighborhood pool has been a staple of the community for more than 40 years. So, stop by and see it's fresh new look.





City of Miami Gardens Lien Amnesty

LIEN AMNESTY PERIOD FOR CODE COMPLIANCE

The 90 day Lien Amnesty Period for Code Compliance in the City of Miami Gardens Began March 31, 2009 and will end on June 30, 2009. During the amnesty period, property owners with outstanding code enforcement liens on their property may become eligible to pay 5% of the accumulated fines, subject to bringing their properties into compliance.

To participate in the program, property owners need to:

- Submit an application along with a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 (1 application and fee per property)
- Bring their property into compliance
- Submit required documents , affidavit of compliance issued by City of Miami Gardens Code Enforcement
- Remit payment of calculated reduced lien amount

The City's objective is to stimulate a community-wide effort to improve property conditions. The significant lien reduction being offered is intended to incentivize property owners to take advantage quickly. The lien reduction offered during the amnesty period will only cover accumulated fines. Hard costs incurred by the City in association with the code violation must be paid in full (ex. Costs to secure the property, or cut overgrown grass).

Additional information (or to obtain an application) may be obtained by visiting the City's website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov. or by calling Mary Soler at (305) 622-8020 Ext. 2327

WHO: City of Miami Gardens Code Enforcement Department

WHEN: March 31, 2009 – June 30, 2009

WHERE: City-Wide

CONTACT: Mary Soler, Permit and Licensing Clerk,
(305) 622-8020 Ext 2327



City of Miami Gardens Information

Historical Pictures Needed!

The City of Miami Gardens is seeking photos that evokes the history of the area. These photographs will be on display in the Council Chambers on a rotating basis. If you have dynamic photographs of landmarks, events, or anything else that captures the spirit and history of our community, please contact Asst. City Manager at 305-622-8000 ext. 2227.



YWCA's CHILDREN SERVICES

- Drop in child care services Monday – Friday. Full day (\$30) or half-day (\$15). Call for Reservations.
- Child Care Services for children ages 1-5. Monday – Friday 7-6. Weekly Tuition: \$116-\$147. CDS welcome.
- Afterschool/Camp Programs (including Teacher's Planning Days, School Breaks, and Winter/Summer Vacation)

Location: YWCA Windows to Early Learning Center, 3468 NW 199th Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. (305)628-0993.

Hours of Availability: Monday-Friday 7AM-6PM

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Department of Community Development

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

On July 30, 2008, President Bush signed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. This Act contained numerous components. One of the components was the authorization to release \$3.92 billion to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The State of Florida expects to receive \$541 million of federal funds, of which the City of Miami Gardens will receive \$6,866,119.02.



The NSP funding can only be used for the activities defined by U.S. HUD. From those activities, the City has determined to use the funds to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes with the intent to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of property values. In addition, these state and local governments can create "land banks" to assemble, temporarily manage, and dispose of vacant land for the purpose of stabilizing neighborhoods and encouraging re-use or redevelopment of urban property. Unfortunately, this funding cannot be used to assist homeowners who are currently facing foreclosure.

The Mayor and the City Council approved the NSP Plan on November 12, 2008. The Plan was submitted to U.S. HUD and we are awaiting their approval.

More information regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program can be found on our website: www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd/ or you can call us at (305) 622-8041 for more information.



City of Miami Gardens Community Development

Homebuyer Pool

The Department of Community Development has established a Homebuyer's Pool. By way of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the Department will purchase foreclosed homes, rehabilitate them, if necessary, and provide funding assistance to eligible individuals and families. For this purpose, we have created a simple survey that will assist us in identifying those who are interested in participating. This information will help us match an eligible buyer to a home that will best fit them.

Our intent is to learn.....

- who you are (a single person, a family of 3, or a family of 4, etc);
- what assistance you need (down payment assistance, closing costs, etc);
- when will you be ready to buy (have you been pre-qualified for a mortgage, are you working on your repairing your credit, or do you not know where to start);
- what area in Miami Gardens are you interested in.

If you are interested in completing a Homebuyer's Pool survey, you can visit our website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd/ or visit our office located at 1515 N.W. 167 Street, Bldg. 4.





City of Miami Gardens Public Services

Citizens Participation Meetings

As a part of the planning process for the 4th Year Annual Action Plan to be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Community Development will hold its Citizen Participation meetings on Tuesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 14th. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for City residents to voice what activities they would like carried out with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. During these meetings, residents will learn about the activities previously carried out by the Department with CDBG funds and other types of activities eligible for funding.

To reserve your seat for the meeting or for more information, please contact Deborah Scott at 305-622-8000 ext. 2366.

Foreclosure Intervention and Homebuyer Counseling Program

The City has partnered with Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida (NHS), a non-profit organization and HUD approved housing counseling agency to assist residents of Miami Gardens who are delinquent on their mortgage and/or facing the possibility of foreclosure.

We understand that homeowners in this situation feel overwhelmed and perplexed by the situation and correspondence received from the lender, but to ignore it will only worsen the situation. NHS will interview the homeowner, collect necessary documents, contact the mortgage lender and negotiate on behalf of the homeowner with the goal of seeking a resolution.

If you or someone you know is interested in meeting with a representative of NHS, they can be found at the City of Miami Gardens three (3) days a week. To schedule an appointment, please call (305)622-8000, Ext. 2382 or (305) 622-8041.

Seniors Never Alone Program (SNAP)

Switchboard of Miami, Inc. has partnered with the City to provide a dedicated helpline for seniors living alone in Miami Gardens. This free service is available to seniors age 65 or older who do not have daily physical and emotional support of relatives or other persons within the household. Some of the services provided by the Telephone Reassurance Counselor include: frequent calls to remind seniors to take medications, connect seniors with service providers when needed, assist with follow up for various services, help get seniors off wait lists or just to make sure the senior is having a good day.

For more information about the seniors never alone program please contact Deborah Scott at 305-622-8000 ext. 2366.

Need to get the word out?

This brochure reaches 30,000 homes and is mailed quarterly! If you would like to place an ad in The Gardens Experience, please call 305-622-8080 or email recinfo@miamigardens-fl.gov



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